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Field Crops Report

As of April 1, **Alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 43 percent not being harvested, 11 percent light, 10 percent moderate, and 36 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 3 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. **Alfalfa** sheeping off was reported as none to light.

Cotton planting is getting underway with 15 percent of the spring 2001 cotton crop being reported as planted.

As of April, 30 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 31 percent of **Barley**, 29 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 28 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as headed.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 15 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair to good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as adequate. **Insect Damage** was reported as none.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, iceberg lettuce, mixed greens, napa, other lettuce, parsley, romaine, and spinach last week. Producers in western Arizona shipped anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, napa, parsley, radicchio and spinach. Lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf and romaine.

Citrus shipments in central Arizona included tangerines, grapefruit, lemons, navels and valencias last week. Shipments from western Arizona included grapefruit, lemons, tangerines and valencias.

Weather Summary

Temperatures throughout the State were well above average for the week ending March 31. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Gila Bend to 8 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon and Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 93 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 19 degrees at Canyon De Chelly. Precipitation of 0.04 inches was reported at the Payson reporting station, with all sixteen other stations reporting zero precipitation.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK MARCH 25 TO MARCH 31, 2001**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	45	3	73	19	0.00	1.77	2.06
Casa Grande	62	6	90	47	0.00	3.93	2.30
Coolidge	60	7	90	45	0.00	3.98	2.57
Douglas	56	3	82	36	0.00	1.28	1.65
Flagstaff	38	6	65	20	0.00	5.60	6.68
Gila Bend	66	2	90	42	0.00	3.02	1.82
Grand Canyon	37	8	65	22	0.00	7.66	4.45
Kingman	54	5	80	38	0.00	2.96	2.89
Parker	66	7	93	55	0.00	1.51	1.54
Payson	49	4	74	33	0.04	5.48	6.28
Phoenix	65	8	89	57	0.00	3.40	2.23
Prescott Airport	47	7	73	34	0.00	3.50	2.63
Safford Ag Center	57	5	84	39	0.00	1.51	1.85
Tucson	61	7	89	49	0.00	2.58	2.29
Willcox	54	5	80	37	0.00	3.48	2.23
Winslow	48	5	78	31	0.00	1.40	1.52
Yuma	67	6	90	59	0.00	2.65	0.78

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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